

Testimony to CT Joint Committee of Public Safety and Security:

February 29, 2016

Dear Members of the CT Joint Committees of Public Safety and Security,

My name is John Gori, and I am a resident of Milford, CT.

I am writing this testimony to express my Opposition to Bill H.B. 5408.

'An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit'.

I believe it violates the Constitution of the United States to; remove the language in the existing law {who has reasonable suspicion of a crime} and also {... that is observed by such law enforcement officer}.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment states: the right of the people to 'be secure against unreasonable searches' .... Shall not be violated.

The original law as it now stands, states emphatically that an officer must have 'reasonable suspicion of a crime' in order to ask to see a person's carry permit.

A person has the lawful right to carry a fire arm (Ct Constitution Article 1, Section 15) (U.S. Constitution – 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment). The CT Constitution affirms the right to carry concealed or open carry if a person has a CT License. A fire arm owner (carrier) has the right to carry without Police interference, just as a person is able to drive their vehicle (as long as they have a driver's license), without a police officer asking to see their license. Only if they are observed violating a law; is the officer allowed to ask them for their Identification (and a driver's license is not a Constitutional right).

I am very concerned when Legislators want to remove language from existing laws in order to bypass Constitutional Protections. This language is in the 'Existing law' for a reason; To Protect a Citizen's Constitutional Rights from an Overreaching Government.

Please do not remove language 'Protecting someone's Constitutional rights' from an 'existing law'. It is there for a Reason!

Thank you for your service to the Citizens of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

John Gori

Quote: "The Constitution was made to guard the people against the danger of good intentions"  
Daniel Webster.